



Canine Vaccine and Screening Protocols

The following is a guideline on the recommended vaccine protocols and screenings from puppy-hood (pediatric) to senior adulthood (geriatric).

All puppies will be de-wormed and started on a heartworm preventative. Vectra, Frontline Revolution or Advantage can be applied at eight weeks or older.

Core Vaccines

Optional Vaccines

8 Weeks

DHPP #1 (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, Parvo)
Fecal Test

Kennel Cough #1
Giardia
Leptosporosis #1

12 weeks

DHPP #2

Kennel Cough #2
Lyme #1
Leptosporosis #2

16 weeks

DHPP #3 (1 Year)
Rabies (1 Year)

Lyme #2
Leptosporosis (1 Year)

1-6 years Adults

DHPP (3 Year)
Rabies (3 Year)
Fecal Test
Heartworm/Lyme Test

Lyme (1 Year)
Kennel Cough (1 Year)
Leptosporosis (1 Year)

During at least one of the optional years that the dogs do not receive vaccines, they should have a health screening. This consists of a blood test to check for liver and kidney functions. It will help pinpoint any diseases that may be developing, and act as a point of reference for the future as they age.

7-10 years Seniors

DHPP (3 Year)
Rabies (3 Year)
Fecal Test
Heartworm/Lyme Test

Lyme (1 Year)
Kennel Cough (1 Year)
Leptosporosis (1 Year)

Dogs aged 7-10 years are now considered seniors, and should receive a more comprehensive screening at their annual exam. Their internal organs are aging and other disease syndromes become more prominent at this age (i.e. arthritis). The screening is a blood test that is more comprehensive than the previous screenings and involves a thyroid test, an EKG and if warranted an x-ray of the spine/chest.

11+ years Geriatric

DHPP (3 Year)
Rabies (3 Year)
Fecal Test
Heartworm/Lyme Test

Lyme (1 Year)
Kennel Cough (1 Year)
Leptosporosis (1 Year)

Dogs aged 11+ years are now considered geriatric, and will need to be examined more regularly as they age through their "golden years". The recommended vaccines and screenings are the same as for the senior dog, however, exams should be performed every **six** months. Most animals this age are on medications and require closer monitoring.